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L: Hi everyone, I'm Lindsay and I'm here with Katie today. We're here to talk to you today about some ways that you can get some really great food at a good price in New York and the first suggestion we have for you is to try restaurant week, which is starting next week and uhh...Katie what is restaurant week?

K: Restaurant week is basically a week during which really expensive restaurants open their doors at a reduced rate for anyone who wants to go.

L: Yeah, sounds great and so...how much does it cost, more or less, for lunch during restaurant week?

K: Restaurant week...uh...lunch is \$24.07 for all the restaurants on the list.

L: Wow, that's incredible so anywhere I go, I can pay \$24.07?

K: Yep, the menu is fixed so you would go in and maybe have one or two choices as opposed to the full menu but yes.

L: Oh that's excellent and how about dinner?

K: Dinner is \$35 and again a fixed menu.

L: Ok great and is it a full menu?

K: I believe it is and it includes dessert.

L: Oh ok great, I am definitely gonna check it out. So we really recommend that for everyone if you are looking to eat some great food in New York next week. How can they find out information about that?

K: Go to NYC Go website, nyc.com/restaurant-week and you can also just Google NYC restaurant week and the website has all the information for the different restaurants and also contact information so that you can make a reservation.

L: Ok great and I think an important thing to remember is to make a reservation because there will be lines out the door for people trying to get good food next week. Ok and we also have a couple of other recommendations, some of our favorite places in New York. Katie do you have any ideas about some of the places people can eat?

K: One of my favorite places is Chat and Chew, it's in Union Square, just off the Square on 16th street. It's sort of like upscale diner food, they have amazing mac and cheese and caesar salad so I recommend it.

L: Oh that sounds awesome! I also have another great recommendation, if you like Falafel, if you like Middle Eastern food, it's called Marmouns Falafel and they have two locations, there is one location in the East Village, on St. Mark's Place and there's also another spot on Macdougall, 119 Macdougall and what do you like about Marmoun's Katie?

K: It's very inexpensive and it's open basically all night long.

L: Right so it's great if you are out with some friends and you wanna get some food, late in the evening. How much does it cost, more or less, for a Falafel sandwich?

K: \$2.50.

L: Ok so that's incredible and I also think they have great Baklava.

K: They do. It's really delicious, um, just be prepared, if you get there right after the drinking crowd, there's usually a line out the door, so, but the wait is worth it.

L: Ok great. And what else, what other great places do you know?

K: Well speaking of my love of mac and cheese, there is this amazing place called Macbar. They have gourmet mac and cheeses, all different kinds so they have uhh, I think there is a lobster one, there is a mushroom one, um it goes on and on and Macbar is on Prince Street, just off Mulberry.

L: Oh that sounds great and is it cheap there?

K: It's pretty inexpensive, less than 10 dollars for a meal.

L: Wow, that's not bad. Is it easy to get in with large groups of people, a large party?

K: No, there is very limited seating, so I recommend you get it to go but it is also open until 4am on the weekends.

L: Oh perfect. Very convenient and like a lot of places in New York, it's always open late. Ok great, another place that I could recommend is Café Havana, if you like Cuban or Mexican food, you've got to try this place, it's on the corner of Prince and Elizabeth in SOHO and they offer some wonderful Mojitos, some great, uh wonderful corn and excellent Mexican dishes, so ...what else do you know Katie, what are some other great places.

K: Um, a little pricier, but still under 20 dollars, uh my favorite Vegan restaurant, Angelica's Kitchen is on 12th street just off 2nd and they have amazing fresh food, super healthy, lots of vegetables, it's really delicious.

L: Hmm and there's another place, if you're into Thai food, if you like Thai food at all, ah Thai food can be very spicy but this restaurant is a local spot so, at Wondee Siam, you're gonna find very cheap dishes, but excellent quality food, so again it's called Wondee Siam and it's in Hell's Kitchen, on ninth avenue, it's at 729 9th avenue at 53rd street so definitely check that out. Do you have any others at all? Anything?

K: Yep I have one last place, again about 20 dollars a meal, if you go to, it's called Calle Ocho, it's on Columbus, just off 82nd, right up by the Natural History Museum, and it's uh, on the weekends, they have "all-you-can-drink" sangria brunch so you order a meal and all-you-can-drink sangria is included and they have seven different kinds of sangria.

L: Wow, that's great so we have given you a lot of great ideas to go out there and try new foods, so be adventurous, give it a try, you are in one of the greatest cities in the world with some wonderful cuisine so enjoy and let us know how the restaurants are!

Thank you!

Expressions and Idioms

A bite to eat- something small and quick to eat, a quick and easy meal

To say the least- to put it mildly, without overemphasizing

Culinary- referring to the kitchen or to food

To be itching to do something- to want to do something badly

To be low on something- to have very little of something (money)

Top 7 Places to Dine in New York City:

- 1- Chat 'n Chew
- 2- Marmouns Falafel
- 3- Macbar
- 4- Café Havana
- 5- Angelica Kitchen
- 6- Wondee Siam
- 7- Calle Ocho